

Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter.

We would like to be able to cut down on expenses of printing this newsletter if possible. If you are able to get the newsletter electronically please let us know.

Selectmen:

The Board was surprised by the recent announcement that our Treasurer/Tax Collector Pat Mielke will be retiring on December 14 after about 16 years in her position here. We wish her a fond farewell and the best of luck in her future. Please stop in to say goodbye.

The Board has filled the long vacant full-time Police Officer position and voted to hire a third Full-time Police Office to fill shifts that have been historically filled by Part-time Officers. The extra cost to the Town will be minimal and the benefits of having full academy trained police officers a real plus. Both new officers will begin working for the Town around November 1.

You may have received some outreach calls from the Town with information that the Board felt was important to get out. If you wish not to receive these outreach calls, but only wish to receive emergency calls, please let Town Hall know.

Beginning in November the Goodwill Truck will be at Town Hall only the second Saturday of the month 10am to 2pm, weather permitting.

Town Report books are ready. As in the past several years the Town has saved hundreds of dollars by having the Selectmen's Office staff compile and print the book. You can get a copy of the Fiscal Year 2012 report at the Town Hall or the Library.

You have probably noticed that the new Police Station foundation is in but no building has arrived yet. We are hopeful to have delivery of the modular structure by mid-November. When the Police Department has settled in the Town will be hosting an open house for all to view their tax dollars at work.

Are you, or someone in your household, in need of any extra help or care during an emergency or long term power outage, or you are alone and just want someone to check on you during a severe storm or power outage? If so and you would like to be included on the Town's needs assistance list please let us know.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Egremont Strategic Planning Committee, appointed by the Selectboard, began to meet earlier this year to begin the development process for a town wide Strategic Plan. Research shows that healthy communities require constant attention and nurturing. Communities become what they are, based on choices people make over long periods of time. They are shaped by the decisions we make or fail to make. Some are made with knowledge about their impact, but others are not. Some lead to unanticipated outcomes. However, the lack of a decision also has consequences.

A strategic plan for the town of Egremont can become a useful tool for our community as we change and grow. The recent economic challenges we have all faced are impacting Egremont. Further, the future build out of broadband and the expansion of wireless communications in the region is yet to be completed but will affect our community. A well-researched, carefully thought out plan will help our community see where we want to go and help us to make decisions on how to get there.

The attached preliminary Vision and Mission Statement is being presented to you, the townspeople, for review and comment that will then be incorporated into a final document for the town's review and approval. This document will be the foundation for a Strategic Plan for the town of Egremont. This Strategic Plan will take several years to develop and the final plan will be the result of a consensus of the townspeople that will ultimately be presented at a future town meeting for a vote of approval.

Board of Assessors:

Chapter Land: Thank you all who have Chapter Land; that is, lands classified and taxed according to Chapter 61 [Forest Land], Chapter 61A [Agricultural/Horticultural Land], and Chapter 61B [Recreational Land] for getting your applications in on time and complete. We appreciate your efforts.

Business owners: If you are opening or closing a business be sure to notify the Assessors office.

Abatements: Real Estate Tax bills will be sent out in early January. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of the bill to apply for an abatement. This date is on the bill and is usually January 1st.

GIS for Egremont: A geographic information system (GIS) is a computer system capable of collecting, storing, using, and displaying geographic information. This GIS system can provide everyone with significant measurable information. Our GIS system will hopefully be up and running by late Fall. We will keep you informed.

Form of List / Personal Property. "Form of List" for business owners (and second home owners every three years) are used to declare Personal Property subject to taxation by the Town. Personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, and machinery used in the conduct of business or in a 'non-primary' home. These forms will be sent out in early December.

Changes of Mailing Address: When you want to officially change your address please request a <u>CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM</u> from the Assessors Office. In the future when we receive any request for an address change in any other format we will send you a Change of Address Form. Thank you for your attention to this.

The charge for **Abutters Lists** that are prepared by the Assessors Office will be \$1.00 per parcel reported.

If you have any questions please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Tuesday and Thursday (9:00 AM to 12:00.) Or email us at

egremontassessors@vahoo.com.

ECO-TIP

To find out what's **recyclable**, go to http://springfieldmrf.org/. Click on the "What do I do with?" tab.

Board of Health:

Do you have an outlet filter on your septic tank? If so, did you know that filter should be cleaned every year to avoid having septic effluent back up into your home?

If your septic system was installed after 2000 chances are there is an outlet filter on the septic tank. You can clean the filter yourself by removing the manhole cover over the tank and, wearing rubber gloves, rinse the filter with a high pressure hose into the tank.

If you'd rather not do this job yourself you can call a certified septic hauler to do it for you. If it's been more than three or fours years since you've have your tank pumped, why not have them pump the tank while they're there.

Septic systems require maintenance to help them perform properly. Just like you would service your car to keep it running smoothly and efficiently your septic system needs your attention. Be mindful of the things you put down the sink or flush down the toilet. Oil down the drain can really gunk things up and pouring things like paint and chemicals down the drain are a real no-no. Flushing objects down the toilet (baby wipes, feminine products, etc.) are also very harmful.

So clean your tank filter annually (that is of course if you have one), pump your tank regularly and be mindful of what you put into your septic system. Remember, this is not only a function of your home but an important part of preserving the quality of our drinking water.

If you have any questions give Juliette Haas a call at (413) 528-0182 x 22.

ECO-TIP

This year re-gift. Giving or using secondhand things is a first-rate gift idea that reduces waste and saves you money. Try www.freecycle.org/.

Sustainability Coordinator:

The Egremont Zero-Waste Challenge/Continued

The term "zero-waste" is confusing to many. Is it a realistic or attainable goal? After all, even the most proactive environmentalists still have a bit of trash left after they have composted all of their kitchen scraps and taken out every last bit of recyclables. That in itself would seem to contradict the zero in zero-waste.

Zero-waste then is the aspiration for the town and the goal is to first get every homeowner to think about the staggering amount of trash we produce and then work toward reducing that amount. Once you start really thinking about your trash you're taking the first steps to zero.

Here is something to keep in mind: even with our small size **Egremont still produces 480 tons of trash each year.** While recycling rates in Egremont are high the sad truth is not everyone does it. Recycling is the law and those who do not participate are subject to a fine. Recycling is easy, makes you feel good and saves the town a lot of money in our hauling and disposal costs.

If everyone in Egremont recycled all the time we would reduce our 480 tons of trash by 20%. If everyone in Egremont composted their kitchen scraps like coffee grounds, egg shells, old veggies we would reduce our annual trash by another 20%. If all textiles were removed from the trash we could slash our trash by another 5%. The folks from Goodwill will be happy to take a long list of items as long as they are clean and dry.

This is the path to being a zero-waste community. Think about the things you put in your trash. Think about the positive affect your efforts will have on the community and the environment. Let's chip away at our annual tonnage of trash until there's little left to haul to landfills. YOU are the answer and your participation is key. Join the ranks and help make a difference.

Next issue....individual backyard composting or town-wide composting? We'll make it easy (and fun) for you.

ECO-TIP

Keep your fireplace **damper closed** when you aren't using it. Make the damper seal as snug as possible. (Tell Santa to use the door!)

Conservation Commission:

As the trees gradually shed their leaves and reveal the land forms about us, it's a nice time of year to appreciate just "where in the world" we are lucky enough to be living.

Egremont is part of the 2000 square mile "Housatonic Watershed", which includes the northern Taconics and Berkshire Highlands of Lanesboro –Pittsfield -Dalton – Windsor on down through Washington-Lee-Tyringham-Monterey- New Marlborough and all the towns west of them to the NY border (though most of Mt. Washington sheds water to the Hudson River). The Housatonic

watershed continues through CT's western hills and ends up flowing through the coastal plain and into the Atlantic -the river makes a very impressive span when you cross it on the Merrit Parkway way down near Long island Sound. (Well, yes – just a wee bit of Egremont slopes towards the Hudson – that last downhill on Rt. 23 heading into Hillsdale, NY).

In our area, the watershed falls within the "Western New England Marble Valley Ecoregion", famed for its deciduous forests, calcareous (of calcium) wetlands, and limestone bedrock (thanks to an ancient sea bed laid down hundreds of millions of years ago). The calcium rich soils are unique and support a high diversity of plants, animals and special habitats that are truly uncommon elsewhere in the state or in New England.

Protecting this diversity is challenging. Unfortunately, most of the biodiversity needing protection lies right where we all want to live and work – between the river and the 1000' elevation. It's in this area that 112 of the state's "listed" species (endangered to one degree or another) are trying to survive and also where only 15% of the land is protected from development. (Compare this to 61% protection of the land that is 2500 feet or higher and where only 25 listed species live.) Furthermore, many of the patches of critical habitat supporting rare species are small, fragmented, and often privately owned. The State can't protect all these lands, of course, and often it's up to individuals and local communities to be the stewards.

A recent study (08-09) by the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy's Mass. Program did much to identify and prioritize areas needing protection. Looking over the report, I couldn't help but delight in the names of many of the listed species: "Dion Skipper", "Ostrich Fern Borer", "Mustard White" (butterflies/moths); "Riffle Snaketail"," Occellated Darner" (2 of the 10 dragonflies); "Triangle Floater" (a freshwater mussel); "Bridle Shiner", "Longnose Sucker" (fish), "Sedge Wren", "King Rail" (two of 10 birds); "Climbing Fumitory", "Mt. Spleenwort" (two of 46 plants). There are 3 turtles listed – "Wood", "Bog", and "Eastern Box"; 3 salamanders - "Four Toed", "Jefferson", and "Marbled". Finally, 19 special ecosystems are listed, including "Acidic Graminoid Fen" and "Calciferous Rock Cliff".

But of course, it's not about the names. It's about the lives themselves and the exciting, diversified biosystem we all are just so fortunate to enjoy in our

little neck of the Housatonic watershed and which we must all collectively work to preserve.

If you'd like to take a look at this well written report on the Housatonic watershed 's biodiversity and protection planning, please call me: Penny Pitts 528-0242.

Our committee is looking for a new member. Please contact Town hall if you are interested. We meet second and fourth Thurs. evenings. Meetings are always engaging and the work of protecting our wetlands important to all of us.

Treasurer\Collector:

PLEASE NOTE:

FY 2013 - Real Estate & Personal Property Tax.

Preliminary Real Estate & Personal Property tax bills have been mailed with payment due November 1, 2012. Since the bills are preliminary, there will be no current property information on the bills, that information will be included on the actual bill after the tax rate is set in November.

Due dates: August 1, November 1, February 1, May 1.

Please note: Questions concerning your tax assessment MUST be directed to the Board of Assessors.

On Line Banking - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for last minute payments of any bill owed to the town. Go to the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov/ and click on pay your bills on line. Follow the instructions from that point. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card. Thank you to all who are using the online product. It is working great. Please give it a try.

Credit Cards – Discover, Master Card, and Visa Credit cards can now be used at the Egremont Town Hall to pay any bill owed the Town. This can be done at the Treasurer's Office. There is a bank processing fee starting at \$2.50 and up depending on the dollar amount of the charge.

Questions/Confusions - I will be glad to address any question that would be of general information to the taxpayers. Submit questions and concerns pertaining to the Tax Collector/Treasurer to Pat, P.O. Box 368 So. Egremont, 01258.

Office hours - Tax Collector 7-3 Monday through Friday and by appointment.

ECO-TIP

Need a stocking stuffer? Pencils and fountain pens are eco-friendly and make perfect gifts. If you must buy ballpoints, try Zebra Eco gel rollerball pens, made from 81% post-consumer waste (e.g., car headlights, CDs, plastic shopping bags).

Egremont Garden Club:

Our Gertrude B. Burdsall's Memorial Scholarship Tea was very successful. A great time was had by all. We plan to have it next year in August again at the Botanical Garden in Stockbridge.

If you haven't noticed, the Norway Spruce has been planted at the Green in South Egremont. It is absolutely beautiful. A VERY Special Thank you to William Warner Construction and crew for generous donation of their time and equipment to removing and taking the old stump away. Also to Tom Whalen Tree Services and crew for their generous donation of digging the hole, the tree and planting the tree. A SPECIAL thank you to Mary Brazie for ALL her help in coordinating this challenging planting. Peter Haupt will be taking care of the maintaining tree; placing Christmas lights on it.

Our club has two events left for this year. Our Annual Pot Luck Supper will be at Hilary Penglase's home on Wednesday, November 14th, at 6:30pm. And on Saturday, December 8th the club members will be having our Annual Wreath Making for all town buildings for the holidays and make Christmas mugs filled with holiday greens and decorations for the Meals-on- Wheels shut in trays at 9:30am at the South Egremont Firehouse.

If anyone is interested in joining our club we would love to have you attend an event or meeting. I know there are individuals out there who have hidden talents and gifts that you can share with us. If you are interested, please call me at 644-3298 or other members.

Town Clerk:

As we all know Nov. 6 is fast approaching. Here are a few tips to make the day go smoother for all of us:

- * Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- *I will be available for "over the counter" voting on Sat., Nov. 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1;00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- *Requests for Absentee ballots must be received, in writing, by 12:00 noon, on Monday, Nov. 5.

*It is a very lengthy ballot this year. Specimen ballots are posted in the Library, at the Town Hall, and the North and South Post Offices.. The more familiar you are with the questions and candidates, the more quickly you can vote.

*If your voter status is "inactive" you will be required to show proof of residence and fill out an affidavit before you will be able to vote. Your status is "inactive" by MA law, if you did not respond to the 2012 Census. You received a letter notifying you of this change. If you are unsure about your status, PLEASE call the Town Hall to clarify.

*Lastly, in 2008, Egremont had an amazing turnout of voters. Approximately 843 people voted out of 936 registered voters. I'm sure 2012 will be the same or better!

ECO-TIP

Best Buy (413-445-5812) will accept for recycling, <u>at</u> <u>no charge</u>, tube **TV sets** up to 32", and flat-panel TVs up to 60". They'll take up to 3 items per household, so if you're going to Pittsfield with one set, ask your neighbors if they have any to get rid of and take 3.

Egremont Historical Commission:

The EHC is happy to report that our reorganization of our holdings is progressing nicely and we expect to have at least the physical systems finished over the winter. The descriptors that will accompany every piece still need to be written and that will take more time.

Fortunately, this month the NorthEast Document Conservation Center will be coming to do the evaluation of our holdings and we are hopeful that some of our items will be better defined at that time as we ramp up our displays and archives.

While you have family visiting over the holidays, think to spend an afternoon with Nancy DuVall and Susan Eiffert recording your memories. This is a fun and entertaining way to share with your family and the Town of Egremont. Call Susan Eiffert at 528 5069 for more details.

And the Commission is always looking to add Egremont memorabilia to our holdings. Old menus from the Gaslight, school photos, or simply the snap of the family at picnic by Karner Brook are all welcome.

The Archive Room is open on November 3rd from nine to noon, as well as Dec. 1st. Come visit your history.

Egremont Green Committee:

As this is the holiday issue of our newsletter, the Egremont Green Committee would like to wish everyone a green and Zero waste holiday season this year and of course, we offer here a few ideas to help you.

Firstly, as the evenings lengthen, remember to replace your light bulbs or, better yet, try a dinner or two by candlelight. For more suggestions and both indoor and outdoor lighting solutions, please visit Starry Night Lights.

http://www.starrynightlights.com/Outdoor Lighting/

Secondly, remember that a "re gift" is a gift to the planet as well as to another. Re use, re gift, and re purpose will save money personally and will cost Egremont less in hauling fees. It is our hope that Egremont can seriously reduce its cartage costs in the coming year. Think ZERO.

Thirdly, we discovered last year that the horses of Blue Rider Stables love to eat pine needles! All of the town's holiday trees will be saved for them and, if you have a clean tree (no tinsel, spray, or ornament hooks, and not attached to a base) that you would like to recycle, you can deliver it to Blue Rider Stables directly on Farm Lane in South Egremont.

And we are always happy to have a chance to show our creative side when repurposing.

The Egremont Green Committee has been asked to bring centerpieces for the annual Mass. MRF breakfast in Holyoke. And again this year we will be constructing from the detritus of the Transfer Station, 8 stunning table pieces. If you would like to help, or are otherwise interested in the work of the Green Committee, join us at our next meeting, November 7th at 4pm at Town Hall.

WiredWest:

Egremont has reached a response rate of 53% on the support card campaign for WiredWest showing a demand for high speed internet service in Egremont. Thank you all for your support.

This show of support and demand will help WiredWest in their efforts to gain financing. An overview engineering study is done and preliminary cost estimates are in. WiredWest continues to assemble its business plan.

Hopefully, funding will be acquired in the first quarter of the new year. Engineering and design work should take about 8 months, the make ready work to be completed by the power companies should take about a year, so cable should begin to be hung during the summer of 2014 if not sooner. Service will go online in sections as work is completed. The build out plan has not been

finalized so there is no way to gauge when Egremont will actually have service.

The MassBroadband network is in the process of being built and had hoped to begin service in January but ran into some delays. WiredWest will be connecting to the MBI cable. There will be no expense for the construction of the network. Town residents will receive a bill for service much as they do for telephone or electric service. The first 300 feet (2 telephone poles) to residences will be free, anything beyond that like underground cabling will be the responsibility of the homeowner. Rates are expected to be comparable to those being paid now for internet, telephone and TV, though service will be far superior than it currently is, as well as reliable and stable and WiredWest plans will build in redundancies so if a line goes down they will be able to supply service from the opposite direction and not have service interruptions. WiredWest believes they will begin to see a profit in 5 to 7 years.

WiredWest is in the process of becoming an ISP (internet service provider), a telecommunications company, and is negotiating for TV service that would include local and Springfield area programming. In addition, subscribers will be able with the purchase of a piece of equipment, to operate cell phones within their home through the WiredWest network.

First Congregational Church of South Egremont:

On November 4 at 3 p.m. the First Congregational Church of South Egremont will host the Becket Praise Team in concert. If you missed the one in March, come and join us for a "rocking in the spirit" good musical afternoon. Refreshments follow and there will be a free will offering.

On November 10 starting at 9:30 a.m. we will have a cleaning bee to spruce up the church. All volunteers are welcome. You may call 528-2368 if you need more information.

December 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. we will hold a chicken pie supper. Included in the menu will be chicken pie, winter squash, cole slaw, rolls, apple crisp and beverage. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children over age 5. Also that evening there will be table of Christmas things for sale.

December 24 at 7 p.m. we will hold our annual Christmas Eve service of carols and readings. The public is invited to join us and to see the sanctuary in its Christmas splendor.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Poem First Saturday 9 poon

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursday 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month at 4pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm. Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm Water Department - Office weekdays 8am to 2pm Meetings second Thursday 4:30pm at Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming 413-528-4258 prospectlk@aol.com www.prospectlakepark.com

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations	www.lizmarinorughooking.com
413-528-5195	Llamama@wildblue.net
The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B	Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am
1 Prospect Lake Road	to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710
413-528-2882	B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books
www.innsweetwater.com	www.bookfairs.com
The Weathervane Inn - Lodging	413-528-2327
413/800-528-9580	Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
Baldwin Hill Farm B&B -	413-644-9979
121 Baldwin Hill Road N/S	www.CosmicResonance.com
528-4092	Peter Goldberg, Dipl. Ac - Acupuncture, Pain
www.baldwnhillfarmbandb.com	Management 413-528-5055
John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant	Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor
413-528-3469	44 Main Street, South Egremont
Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-	413-528-9654
Restaurant & Lodging	healingspiritdc@yahoo.com
413-528-6200	Zorn Core Fitness -
www.swisshutte.com	Personal, Couples & Group Training
Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration	Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month
413-528-1232	cardio for Egremont residents
www.howardsantiquelighting.com	46 Main Street, South Egremont
Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal	413-528-1594
polishing	www.zorncorefitness.com
413-528-3230	zornari@gmail.com
Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects	Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)	Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
413-528-5383	46 Main Street
www.homeasianantiques.com	413-528-0828
41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern	kbyoga@gmail.com
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural	Divine Automotive - Automotive repair
and decorative objects.	413-528-8007
413-528-0112	Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
www.41mainantiques.com	liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding	413-528-4796
Lessons, summer programs	Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
www.bluerider.org	413-528-9633
413-528-5299	Closet Collection - clothing & household
Green River Arabians & Pintos -	consignment shop
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.	413-528-6236
413-528-2367 <u>arabpinto13@yahoo.com</u>	Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
Indian Line Farm - Community Supported	wood veneer sales
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets	413-644-9696
413-528-8301	L and L Construction - Home repairs, additions,
www.indianlinefarm.com	new home building
Ivory Pond Farm -	413-528-5548
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane	"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons	Jack Buckley
and supplies.	413-528-1982
Tom & Liz Marino	413-446-1982

413-528-9465

Ron Brazie Jr - Full service property maintenance and management.
413-229-8204 or 413-429-1833

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course 413-528-1262

www.catamountski.com

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales Barnbrook Realty 413-528-4423 anitacentury21@aol.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service 90 Creamery Road 413-528-3266 flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel & Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330
www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger 154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer
Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That
Get Results. 413-644-9700
helen@agencywithoutwalls.com

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall

PC repairs - Networking - Internet 413-528-5415 matt@cyber-knight.net

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field mowing 413-528-0102 pager 413-261-2150

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts with nature. Eric F. Ives

Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and exclusionary work.

413-528-9813 413-250-5094

PAPERCHASERS Barbara Fields - Organizing and Productivity Services, Project and Time Management 413-528-2824 barbara@paperchasers.com

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont 413-528-0445

www.brooksidequiltworks.com

Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sew much more Sue Delmolino Ives

413-644-0229 susandelmolino@yahoo.com

Gregory Cherin photography
South Egremont 1-917-991-0553
info@gregorycherin.com
Www.gregorycherin.com

Berkshire South Regional Community Center 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA 413-528-2810 www.berkshiresouth.org

Non-profit community organization serving 17 towns throughout the Southern Berkshires. Providing a variety of educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages - from early childhood to senior citizens - and partners with several local organizations.

Gogel & Gogel - Law Firm

Business law & litigation

40 Main Street

413-528-2698

www.gogel-gogel.com

Chloe Wosczyna's travels: to view go to

www.studleyofegremont.com

Support local businesses

From old grampa By Stan Farnum

Hey grampa, said my little man What would you like to do? Why son there is a thousand things But I'll just tell you a few.

I'd like to leap down that far hill And run the wind a race, I'd like to lie in sweet tall grass And feel the sun on my face.

I'd like to look up at the sky
Into that lovely blue,
And when the picture clouds drift by
Seeing places and faces too.

I'd like to leave my shoes behind And wade in that small stream, And then sit down on a sandy shore And drift into a dream.

Of when the world was young for me And I held a sweet girls hand, Why, little man you've kissed my cheek I guess you understand

I'd like to whirl to the old time tunes, To waltz to a soft love song, I'd like to hold my sweetheart close And dance the whole night long.

I'd like to hike the mountain trails As we did long ago, And then to sit upon the height And see the valley below.

I guess I'll tell you no more now
Or I'm like to shed a tear
Just let's rest before we walk for now it's your turn
to talk,
My turn to lend an ear

"Hey, grampa, you just fell asleep, It's time to walk in the door Here take your cane and I'll help you up And tomorrow you can tell me more."



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